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Crash survivor should make full recovery

PROGNOSIS The lone survivor of a plane that went down on an island near Sechelt on Sunday killing seven passengers is expected to make a full recovery within two to three weeks, his doctors said yesterday.

"The long-term prognosis is very good," said Dr. Anthony Papp, director of the burn unit at Vancouver General Hospital. "Most likely, he's not going to need any surgery."

Thirty-six-year-old Tom Wilson of Fort Saskatchewan, Alta., was on his way to Powell River to train Peter Kiewit Sons employees when the Pacific Coastal Air Grumman Goose plane he was riding crashed into a mountain on South Thormanby Island.

Michael Wilson

"He flies all the time," said Wilson's brother Michael, who drove to Vancouver from the family's home in Fort Saskatchewan with their father. "He's in a plane twice, three times a week."

After the plane crashed, Wilson hiked for more than two hours to a beach where he was rescued by Canadian Coast Guard volunteers — a feat that astounded his doctors.

"It's inexplicable to me," said Dr. John Reid, Wilson's attending physician. "It's remarkable he hasn't suffered any serious internal injuries."

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Canadian ski jumper Zoya Lynch, 17, speaks at the Vancouver Convention centre yesterday. Lynch said she hopes a lawsuit against VANOC to allow female ski jumpers to compete at the 2010 Winter Olympics will succeed.

Women ski jumpers to get their day in court

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Ten female ski jumpers fighting to get their sport into the 2010 Games will get their day in court, the group announced in Vancouver yesterday.

A hearing date in the discrimination case against the Vancouver Organizing Committee has been set in B.C. Supreme Court for April 20.

Deedee Corradini, president of Women's Ski Jumping-USA and a spokesperson for the group, said she believes there's enough time for the case to be heard and a judgment rendered before the Games.

"Things have changed with the Olympic Games several times last minute," she said. "VANOC has already said that if this decision is made in favour of the women that they will accommodate (them)."

The 10 women, representing current and former top-ranked jumpers from six countries including Canada, filed the suit in May alleging that VANOC's refusal to allow them to compete in a sport for which there is a men's component violates their rights to gender equality.

"If this makes it (into the Games) it'll make such news that people will want to come," Corradini said. "(Even) if we have to pass out hand-made tickets on street corners."

Ross Clark, the lawyer representing the jumpers, said the lawsuit names VANOC and not the International Olympic Committee because VANOC is hosting the Games in Canada, so is responsible to uphold Canada's laws.

"They are bound by the charter (of rights and freedoms) and are prohibited from discriminating on the basis of gender," he said.

IOC's position

- The IOC has said women's ski jumping doesn't meet the criteria to be included in the Games.

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Gas station clerks shot in stomach during robbery

SURREY Two gas station clerks are in hospital after they were shot in the stomach during the sixth armed robbery in Surrey in less than 24 hours.

The shooting happened when a man wearing a black hoodie entered a Tempo Gas Station at 108th Avenue and Scott Road at around 7 p.m. Monday night with a gun.

"We don't know the exact details, but it appears that some sort of struggle ensued," said RCMP Sgt. Roger Morrow.

Two employees, a 70-year-old man and his 19-year-old coworker were shot.

The older man remains in hospital in critical condition while the 19-year-old has undergone surgery and is expected to recover.

Contact

- Anyone with information is asked to call 604-599-0502 or Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

According to Morrow, the suspect is believed to be the same man who robbed five stores the night before.

He is described as being in his early 20s, about 5-foot-10 with a medium built.

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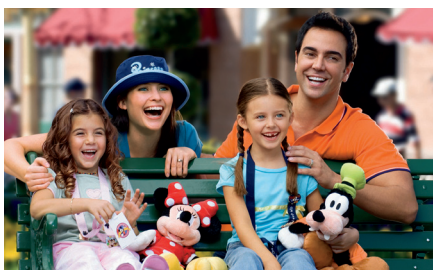

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Fans may learn this week if Pemberton Fest is set for repeat performance
Music fans waiting to find out if the Pemberton Music Festival will be back for another year could get their answer this week. The issue will be on the agenda when the Agricultural Land Commission meets in Burnaby. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Local

SPCA pleads for return of bunnies

Staff at the Surrey SPCA are pleading for the return of eight bunnies that were stolen from the shelter. One of the rabbits, Pumpkin, is recovering from an ear infection and needs medication. This is the second time in six months bunnies have been taken from the branch. METRO VANCOUVER

News in brief

GAMES VANOC is asking Port Moody to pay $500,000 to $1 million to be designated an Olympic partner in order to promote itself as a venue, news1130.com reports. Mayor Joe Trasolini said without the title, athletes won't train at the city's new Olympic-size rink.

BEAR Police in Gibsons said they had to shoot a young black bear behind a local shopping mall because it frequented the area and was no longer wary of humans. The RCMP said the bear was eating out of a dumpster and officers were worried that pedestrians were in danger. **METRO NEWS SERVICE**

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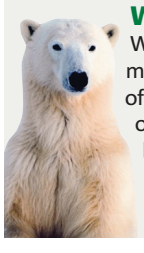

Watch as Winnipeg's zoo mourns the loss of the world's oldest polar bear at **metronews.ca/canada**

Stanley Park Seawall **Taking a break**

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A woman pushing her baby tries to get around the spray of breaking waves along the Stanley Park Seawall yesterday. High winds kept city crews busy marking dangerous areas along the walkway.

National Broadcast Orchestra teams with UBC

PERFORMANCE The National Broadcast Orchestra — the reborn CBC Radio Orchestra — has a new performance home at the University of British Columbia's Chan Centre for the next three years.

NBO will hold three concerts per year at the Chan Centre to be broadcast nationally on the CBC, and will use the space for ongoing performances. The orchestra will also be linked with UBC School of Music.

UBC announced the deal yesterday.

"The NBO will continue to give Canadians music that will inspire them," said UBC's School of Music director Richard Kurth.

The CBC will continue to support the orchestra by broadcasting its concerts, assisting with commissions, providing rehearsal space and providing access to the CBC sheet music library.

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More childcare spaces urged

NDP raps Grits over report

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The provincial Liberals should be embarrassed by a new United Nations report that suggests British Columbia is failing women by, among other things, not providing adequate childcare, NDP MLA Claire Trevena said yesterday.

The report, released on Nov. 7 by the UN's Committee On The Elimination Of Discrimination Against Women, includes observations on the status of women in Canada.

"The Committee is particularly concerned at the impact of the lack of affordable childcare ... and urges the State party to step up its efforts to provide a sufficient number of affordable childcare spaces," it stated.

Trevena, opposition critic for child care, early childhood education and women's issues, said if the province doesn't act on the report it has "lost all credibility."

Shirley Bond, provincial education minister, said the ministry is undertaking a feasibility study to determine how the program could be implemented.

"Not only do we need to look at the financial costs, but space and the number of staff that would be required," she said, adding "I'd love to see the program implemented as quickly as possible."

Calls to the minister of childcare weren't returned by press time.

Another option

- Norm Macdonald, opposition critic for education, said parents of young families would be helped if the province made good on its throne speech promise to implement all-day kindergarten.

Ottawa couple fighting to take dual parental leave
A couple expecting two babies at the same time are fighting for the right to take one paid parental leave for each child. Currently, parents may take a total of 35 weeks of parental leave, while receiving benefits under Canada's Employment Insurance. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Canada

Men plead guilty in horse deaths

Two men who faced charges after the carcasses of nearly 30 horses were discovered at a farm near Andrew, Alta., each pleaded guilty yesterday to one count of allowing animals to be in distress. Axel Hinz-Schleuter and Dale Huber were originally charged with 12 of the distress counts under the Animal Protection Act, but the Crown withdrew the remaining 11 charges after guilty pleas were entered on the one count. CBC NEWS ONLINE

Probe of mass flight illness continues

VANCOUVER Health officials haven't yet determined what caused 20 passengers on an Air Canada flight to Vancouver to become hot, nauseous and feverish during the flight.

Incident
- Air Canada said it's investigating the incident.

The roughly 150 passengers — on their way here from Montreal — were kept on the plane for nearly two hours after landing at YVR Monday night. Airport health authorities boarded the plane to check the passengers, but no one was sent to hospital in the end.

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Protest planned

Activists hope to put spotlight on issues

VANCOUVER 2010 **Games**

Activists plan a major protest tomorrow to spotlight issues not covered in tourism brochures as 200 international journalists gather in Vancouver this week to check out the city and its Olympic venues.

The international media are in town to attend the 2010 World Press Briefing event held by the Vancouver Olympic organizing committee. Journalists have been taken on tours and out to dine in some of the city's best restaurants as tourism associations hope to generate stories about Vancouver ahead of the Olympic Games.

"We would like the international media to understand that British Columbia is a leader in homelessness and poverty."
Jean Swanson

But protesters have other plans.

Activists from a coalition called the Olympics Resistance Network are hoping to draw attention instead to the problem of homelessness on Vancouver streets, the environmental impact of the Games and the theft of indigenous lands.

"We would like the international media to understand that British Columbia is a leader in homelessness and poverty," said Jean Swanson of Raise the Rates, a group advocating for increases to the minimum wage.

"B.C. has had budget surpluses but increased homelessness on our streets."

Vancouver is expected to host 10,000 reporters during the Games,

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Vancouver firefighter (Local 18) Don Robinson at Stanley Park yesterday sets up lights in preparation for the 11th Annual Bright Nights fundraiser.

Firefighters lighting 2 million little 'fires'

MARIA COOTAUCO
for Metro Vancouver

STANLEY PARK Vancouver-area firefighters started more than two million little "fires" in Stanley Park yesterday.

Throughout this month, firefighters have been answering the call of duty to get the park ready for the annual Bright Nights event to raise money for the B.C. Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund.

And part of the job description includes stringing more than two million lights through trees and miniature gingerbread houses to illuminate the park in preparation for the fundraiser.

"This is a huge event," said David Dales of the Burn Fund. "With the money raised from the Burn Fund, we have over 40 programs that the money gets distributed back into — Burn Camp, Burn Awareness Week, educational programs and research."

During November, 30 firefighters show up six days a week at the Bright Nights site to offer a hand.

"It's what firefighters like to do. They like to help out in the community," Dales said.

"I come here every year … It's amazing to be down here. Especially on a nice, crisp night."

The twinkling lights come to life near the Stanley Park Train station from Nov. 28 to Jan. 3.

News in brief

CRIME A Calgary court heard testimony yesterday detailing an alleged confession to another inmate that accused killer Jeremy Steinke killed his girlfriend's parents. Steinke faces first degree murder charges. METRO CANADA

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Obama names his attorney general

President-elect Barack Obama has decided on Eric Holder, a former senior official in the Clinton administration, to be attorney general, Newsweek has reported. REUTERS

World

Hillary's job may depend on Bill

If Senator Hillary Clinton is to be picked by U.S. president-elect Barack Obama as his secretary of state, it may well depend on a review of the business activities of her husband, former president Bill Clinton. Obama's transition team is believed to be looking at Bill Clinton's post-White House work to review whether his international philanthropic and business dealings would pose a conflict of interest if his wife were secretary of state. REUTERS

Russia **Journalist comatose**

SERGEI KARPUKHIN/REUTERS

Svetlana Kuryshkina, common-law wife of reporter Mikhail Beketov, stands in front of his house in Khimki yesterday. Beketov lies in a coma after a savage beating a week ago.

Estonian spy arrested

A spy dragged in from the cold. NATO secrets sent to Moscow. Warnings of "catastrophic damage" to Western security.

News of the arrest of a senior Estonian defence ministry official on treason charges has set old alarm bells ringing, and revived Cold War fears of Russian penetration of the West's closely held secrets.

Accusations

- Herman Simm is accused of using a radio transmitter to send classified information to Russia, including NATO plans for Kosovo's independence, U.S. missile-defence details and notes about the war between Russia and Georgia.

The accused official, Herman Simm, 61, has been under investigation for months, and was seized in September. German and Estonian officials have described the potential damage of his actions as "catastrophic" and "historic." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Bank battle ahead for Obama

ECONOMY President-elect Barack Obama and congressional Democrats face a tough test proving that they want to fix the U.S. financial system after taking millions of dollars in campaign donations from banks and Wall Street.

Decisions loom on reining in the securities markets, shoddy lending practices and regulatory failures behind the worst U.S. economic crisis in decades.

The fight raises questions about whether Washington is capable of overhauling the industry, given that politics in the U.S. capital is heavily influenced by money donated by business interests to win access and influence. REUTERS

News in brief

CHINA Tibetans could push for independence from China if exile groups meeting this week in India decide that is their only option, the prime minister of the Tibetan government-in-exile said yesterday. Frustrated at the lack of progress in official talks with Beijing, hundreds of Tibetans are meeting in the Indian town of Dharamsala, the exiled Tibetans' headquarters.
DISEASE A tick-borne disease spreading in the United States and Europe has been identified for the first time in China. The disease — human granulocytic anaplasmosis (HGA) — is marked by symptoms like fever, severe headache, and chills.
ALASKA Democrat Mark Begich claimed victory yesterday in the race for an Alaska seat in the U.S. Senate, defeating six-term Republican incumbent Ted Stevens. REUTERS

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Laws for senior drivers insufficient

In Step

Christine Williams

Politics and social issues

As Ontario prepares to implement tougher legislation on new drivers, one father in particular has been at the foreground of the campaign to convince the Ontario government to implement zero tolerance rules for drinking and speeding.

Tim Mulcahy began his fight in July after the death of his 20-year-old son Tyler, who crashed through a guardrail following an afternoon of drinking. Two other passengers were also killed, leaving Tyler's girlfriend the lone survivor. Mr. Mulcahy later learned that his son had a history of speeding tickets. He now argues that Tyler could have been alive today if his licence had been revoked.

Several Canadian provinces have been clamping down on teen drinking and driving. Manitoba and Nova Scotia have zero-tolerance policies, and Ontario's laws are said to be the strictest in the country.

While age is not necessarily a sentence to throw away the car keys, inevitable changes do occur with hearing, vision, depth perception, flexibility and reaction time.

While many would applaud a decision to impose tougher rules — given the numerous tragic outcomes when you blend youthful zeal, alcohol and vehicle speed — there is another growing deadly phenomenon that we need to confront: Cognitively declining seniors who keep on driving, even when they have become a danger on the road.

This hazard is too often ignored because of obvious sensitivities pertaining to independence and autonomy. To the credit of many seniors, they self-regulate their driving habits like avoiding rush-hour traffic, inclement weather conditions and driving at night.

These seniors recognize that while age is not necessarily a sentence to throw away the car keys, inevitable changes do occur with hearing, vision, depth perception, flexibility and reaction time.

But the toughest challenge is when mental functioning is too declined for the senior to even recognize a problem exists. Then it is up to family members and doctors to collaborate, a difficult task given relationships can be ruined in the process.

Overall, there is insufficient provincial legislation aimed at protecting vulnerable seniors and other drivers they share the road with. Mr. Mulcahy lobbied for government regulations before more tragedies could happen to families whose hands are tied. We also need to explore regulations for seniors.

While it has long been a celebrated tradition to point out the dangers of youth recklessness, seniors are setting a new benchmark when it comes to our roads.

In Ontario, the 80-plus age group is the fastest growing, while Canada-wide, 70 per cent of driver's licence holders are 55 and older. That percentage is rapidly accelerating. The Canada Safety Council now warns that senior drivers have more collisions than any other age group — a time sensitive issue we need to address now.

Christine Williams is the producer and host of the live current affairs daily talk show On the Line at CTS TV in Burlington, Ont.

MICHAEL DE ADDER

Word on the street: Are you cutting back this holiday season?

Tanya Richards
age 30, Vancouver

A:Yes, probably the level of gifts will drop — same number of gifts — just a lower amount spent per present.

Whitney Long
age 18, Vancouver

A: Yes, I'm trying to save money for family Christmas gifts by only buying necessities. Instead of a $100 per gift, it will probably be $50.

Ash Sani
age 27, Vancouver

A: No, not at all. It has not been that bad for the small business I work for — actually, it's been better financially for me this year.

Shannon Conway
age 18, Toronto

A: Yes, because I don't have a job anymore and I can't afford my lifestyle of constantly spending.

Alison Reid
age 46, Halifax

A: No, I'm pretty minimal with my shopping anyway.

Erika Johnson
age 31, Edmonton

A: Probably. I think it's the responsible thing to do. I don't want others to feel obligated to spend a lot on me.

metro life panel

Metro Life Panel

Results from the Canadian Metro Life Panel (374 respondents):
Yes: 62.9%; No: 37.1 %

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Boeing shares fall to 5-year low on earnings worries
Boeing Co. shares tumbled 6.5 per cent to a nearly five-year low yesterday as analysts expressed concerns about the plane maker and defence contractor meeting profit estimates over the next two years. **REUTERS**

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Green bailout acceptable: CAW

Governments are within their right to set conditions on vehicle fuel efficiency as part of any multibillion-dollar support deal with the auto industry, says the head of the Canadian Auto Workers union.

CAW president Ken Lewenza said such a "strategic investment" must be tied to Canada's long-term economic security. Increasingly, labour unions and trade associations have been tying that future to green-collar job creation.

"Do I think the government could put on restrictions? Yes. Any strategic investment decisions from government should have connections to jobs and connections to what consumers are looking for, and if that's a green strategy, then that's appropriate," he said.

Both federal and Ontario government officials are heading to Washington this week as U.S. legislators debate whether to grant another $25 billion US in loan guarantees to Detroit's big three — General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler LLC. Federal Industry Minister Tony Clement has hinted Canada could play a role in the bailout.

The latest request for help follows $25 billion in loan guarantees that were granted in September on the condition that the money would be used to make more fuel-efficient vehicles. The auto giants are now asking for more money to pay bills and stave off bankruptcy.

But some industry critics say any further loan guarantees should be tied even closer to green-vehicle manufacturing, and that government needs to accelerate a transition away from fossil fuels.

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Chance for Obama to make his mark

- The precarious situation Detroit finds itself in offers an opportunity, critics say, for U.S. president-elect Barack Obama to fulfill a campaign promise of putting one million U.S.-built plug-in hybrids on the road by 2015.

Markets, oil down Alberta surplus

GOVERNMENT Alberta's budget surplus is expected to be less than a quarter of the size that Canada's biggest oil-producing province estimated only three months ago, before global energy prices plunged.

In its second-quarter budget update for the fiscal year that ends March 31, 2009, the provincial government said yesterday it saw a surplus of $2 billion, down from an earlier $8.5-billion estimate.

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Disgraced trader pleads guilty

SCANDAL A disgraced natural gas trader at the centre of Bank of Montreal's $853-million commodity trading scandal has pleaded guilty to intentionally mismarking his trading book in a "criminal scheme" to pad his bonus, Manhattan's district attorney announced yesterday.

David Lee, a former star in BMO's Times Square office, entered his plea on Nov. 13. The felony is punishable by up to four years in prison.

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In brief

AUTO Chrysler Financial Canada said yesterday it is closing offices across the country to cut costs amidst a plunge in North American vehicle sales, a move that will affect about 145 of its employees, or nearly half its workforce.

REUTERS

Economy Iceland awaits IMF loan

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Iceland's ambassador to Norway, Sigridur Dona Kristmundsdottir, left, and EU's ambassador to Iceland, Percy Westerlund, meet foreign media in Oslo yesterday. Iceland expects the International Monetary Fund to deliver on a proposed $2-billion US loan for the country in "days, not weeks," the country's Prime Minister Geir Haarde said. Iceland has been hit hard by the financial crisis.

Credit-card options grow for banks

CREDIT CARDS Canada's competition watchdog has freed Canadian banks to offer both MasterCard and Visa credit cards, lifting decades-old restrictions that made the banks choose one brand or the other.

Canada's Competition Bureau has told financial institutions that it is no longer concerned about possible conflicts if they issue both cards as MasterCard and Visa are no longer owned by member banks.

Even so, it may take some time before these issuers make changes to their card lineups.

"This is a fundamental change to the business model in Canada."
Kevin Stanton

"This isn't just a flick of the switch for anybody," Kevin Stanton, president of MasterCard Canada, said in an interview.

"The banks have to work out what this means at a strategic level. They've been operating in a non-dual environment for 35 years now, so this is a fundamental change to the business model in Canada."

The top three card-issuers in Canada are Visa-issuers CIBC and Royal Bank, and MasterCard-issuer Bank of Montreal.

MasterCard became a commercial organization several years ago, and went public in 2006. Visa became a public company earlier this year.

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Mexican tycoon sets eyes on Circuit City
Mexican retail tycoon Ricardo Salinas Pliego owns 28 per cent of Circuit City and could buy more of the troubled U.S. electronics chain, a Salinas spokesman said yesterday. REUTERS

Auto execs plead for bailout

U.S. auto executives warned Congress yesterday that their industry was teetering on the brink of disaster as they pleaded for a $25-billion US aid package despite political opposition to another multibillion-dollar government bailout.

The hearings come as government and business officials around the globe decide if, and how, they should commit billions of taxpayer dollars to bolster struggling automakers.

Rick Wagoner, the head of General Motors Corp., bluntly told the Senate Banking Committee why the executives were there.

"This is about much more than just Detroit," Wagoner said in his testimony. "It's about saving the U.S. economy from a catastrophic collapse."

Wagoner; Robert Nardelli, head of Chrysler LLC; Alan Mulally, CEO of Ford Motor Co.; and Ron Gettelfinger, head of the United Auto Workers union, all testified yesterday.

The reception from legislators was less cordial than what the well-paid executives are used to.

Senator Richard Shelby, an Alabama Republican and member of the committee, has called the automakers "failed models" and said they should file for bankruptcy.

Criticizing the bailout, Kentucky Republican Senator Jim Bunning said, "The proposal coming before the Senate tomorrow is not a serious one." REUTERS

Clement calls for CAW co-operation

•The Canadian Auto Workers union needs to co-operate in any proposed government aid package for the struggling auto sector, Industry Minister Tony Clement said yesterday. "If we're in a situation where the Canadian government is coming to the table ... then I think it's in that spirit of co-operation that we would like the CAW at the table too," he said.

Spain **Workers protest Nissan job cuts**

ALBERT GEA/REUTERS

Nissan workers protest against job cuts in Barcelona, Spain, yesterday. Japanese car maker Nissan said it will cut thousands of jobs at its factory in Barcelona due to weak demand. The banner reads, "No to 1,680 job cuts at Nissan. Yes to a business plan."

CTV to shed jobs amid financial woes

MEDIA Citing a big drop in advertising revenue and the financial woes of some of its biggest customers, Canada's largest television network CTV said it plans to cut jobs as part of a broader cost-cutting initiative.

In an internal memo sent to all CTV staff yesterday, Ivan Fecan, president and chief executive officer of parent company CTVglobemedia said: "The worldwide financial situation is causing sharp decreases in advertising spending and even the potential bankruptcy of some of our single biggest customers.

"We have concluded that it is no longer possible to maintain the current 'status quo' of our company's operations," Fecan said in the memo.

In addition to a freeze on hiring across the network and on travel and entertainment spending, Fecan said there will be "some layoffs," though details were not included in the memo. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Hall of Fame to welcome RIM duo

RECOGNITION The duo behind one of Canada's most successful innovations since the zipper is to be inducted into the Order of the Business Hall of Fame.

President and chief executive officer Mike Lazaridis and co-chief executive officer Jim Balsillie of Research In Motion (the company behind the BlackBerry phone and e-mail device) are to be inducted along with Jack Lynn Cockwell, group chairman of Toronto's Brookfield Asset Management Inc.; Philippe and Nan-b de Gaspé Beaubien, the husband and wife duo behind Montreal's Telemedia Inc.; and Joseph Rotman, chairman of Roy-L Capital Corporation and of the Canada Council for the Arts.

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In brief

DIAMONDS Top diamond producer De Beers expects to cut back output at its two new Canadian mines by 10 to 20 per cent because of a recent drop in demand, De Beers Canada chief executive Jim Gowans said yesterday.

NORTEL Even as losses and layoffs mount at Nortel Networks Corp. and analysts raise questions about the telecom equipment maker's future, its chief executive continues to believe the company can win market share and succeed. In an internal memo sent to employees yesterday, Mike Zafirovski urges employees to "have faith that we will succeed in the end."

HOUSING Pervasive recession fears and financial market upheaval hammered U.S. homebuilder sentiment to a record low in November, the National Association of Home Builders said yesterday, dealing a significant blow to an already flailing housing market. REUTERS

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U.S. CEOs urge at least $300B US fiscal stimulus

Chief executives of leading U.S. companies have called for a fiscal stimulus package worth at least $300 billion US and urged president-elect Barack Obama to swiftly name his economic team. REUTERS

Price, credit troubles hurting mining: Official

Weakness in commodity markets as well as tight credit are causing huge cutbacks in capital spending and exploration in the Canadian mining industry, a senior mining official said yesterday.

"It has a huge impact on the mining industry because all the capital gets readjusted," Jim Gowans, chairman of the Mining Association of Canada, told Reuters in an interview.

"Investment gets either stopped or significantly reduced, so that has massive long-term repercussions."

The initial public offering market has dried up temporarily and access to capital through flow-through shares or entities has also dropped, he said.

As commodity prices have dropped, profits and retained earnings fall, and then the ability to borrow is also reduced just when it might be needed most.

"It's kind of a catch-22," said Gowans, who is also president and chief executive of De Beers Canada. REUTERS

Syncrude ends holdout with new deal

ALBERTA Syncrude Canada Ltd. has signed on to Alberta's new royalty terms after holding out for nearly a year, but the world's largest oilsands producer will get a six-year transition, it said yesterday.

In the meantime, Syncrude will pay an additional $975 million to the province between 2010 and 2015.

"The goal was to make sure Albertans continue to receive value for the oilsands development while providing certainty for this important industry."
Ed Stelmach

The deal, which follows a similar one with Suncor Energy Inc. in January, caps Alberta Premier Ed Stelmach's quest to move the province's main industry to a royalty system aimed at capturing $1.4 billion a year more for Albertans.

Energy companies start paying higher economic rent for oil and gas production under a generic system at the start of 2009, but Syncrude and Suncor had contracts guaranteeing terms through 2015, requiring the negotiations.

"The goal was to make sure Albertans continue to receive value for the oil sands development while providing certainty for this important industry," Stelmach told reporters in Edmonton.

"I'm happy that we've been able to achieve both." REUTERS

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Scotiabank to take $595M in charges

WRITEDOWNS Bank of Nova Scotia said yesterday it will take charges of $595 million after tax in the fourth quarter due to sliding markets and "unprecedented volatility," marking the first of what could be several bank pre-announcements ahead of reporting season.

Scotiabank, Canada's third-largest bank, said the charges relate to the September bankruptcy of Lehman Brothers Holdings, adjustments to the fair value of available-for-sale securities, mark-to-market losses on collateralized debt obligations (CDOs) and charges for other derivatives. REUTERS

In brief

STOCKS Japan's Nikkei share average fell 1.8 per cent yesterday, hurt by fears of a global recession, while a stronger yen sparked selling in exporters such as Tokyo Electron Ltd. The benchmark Nikkei slid 148.28 points to 8,180.13 by midday, while the broader Topix was down 1.6 per cent at 822.15.

ECUADOR President Rafael Correa said yesterday he will jump-start Ecuador's economy and limit the OPEC nation's capital outflows and imports to counter a spreading global crisis that has dragged down oil prices. However, Correa's government continued to send mixed signals over its willingness to repay foreign debt, which could shut down alternate sources of financing for the poor nation.

PEPSI The Pepsi Bottling Group Inc. announced restructuring plans yesterday that would eliminate some 3,150 jobs and cut its forecast for full-year earnings due to weaker foreign currencies. REUTERS

InBev closes Anheuser-Busch deal, becomes No. 1 brewer in world

ACQUISITION InBev NV closed its purchase of U.S. brewer Anheuser-Busch Cos. Inc. to create the world's largest brewer in the biggest cash acquisition in history, despite a global financial crisis that has stymied other deals.

As of yesterday, the maker of Stella Artois and Beck's, will be known as Anheuser-Busch InBev. Its shares will trade on the Euronext Brussels stock exchange under a new symbol, ABI, starting Nov. 20.

Shares of Anheuser-Busch, the maker of Budweiser and Michelob, have ceased trading on the New York Stock Exchange pending their acquisition by InBev for $70 US per share, or a total of $52 billion.

"Given the environment, I think they've got to be pretty pleased they got this (deal) done."
Analyst Jack Russo

The combined company will brew about a quarter of the world's beer and generate about $36 billion in annual sales, helping regain its position as the world's top brewer. InBev lost the title last year to London-listed SABMiller Plc.

Analysts had been concerned about the deal's fate after a global credit crunch made loans harder to come by and caused a major realignment of the worldwide banking industry.

"Given the environment, I think they've got to be pretty pleased they got this done," said Edward Jones analyst Jack Russo, who had expected the takeover to be delayed like Altria Group Inc.'s proposed purchase of UST Inc. REUTERS

Mariners to hire Wakamatsu as manager
The Seattle Times reported yesterday that Don Wakamatsu will be the Mariners' next manager. Wakamatsu was bench coach for the Oakland Athletics in 2008 after spending five seasons with Texas. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Pedroia beats out Morneau for MVP

Boston's Dustin Pedroia won the American League MVP award yesterday, becoming the first second baseman to earn the honour in almost 50 years. Pedroia led the AL in hits, runs and doubles in helping the Red Sox win the AL wild-card berth. He batted .326 with 17 home runs and 83 RBIs and also stole 20 bases. B.C.'s Justin Morneau finished a distant second in the voting. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Canucks at Rangers

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For the first time in more than 12 years, Markus Naslund will line up against the Canucks. Vancouver's franchise leader in goals and points now skates for the Rangers, the top team in the Eastern Conference. Naslund sits second in team scoring with 14 points in his first season with New York.

Cubs re-sign Dempster

MLB The Chicago Cubs have re-signed B.C. righthander Ryan Dempster to a four-year contract extension. Although financial terms were not revealed, the contract is believed to be worth $52 million US and it will keep him in a Cubs uniform through 2012.

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Sundin playing soon?

Mats Sundin appears to be aiming for a mid-December comeback, with 11 teams interested in his services.

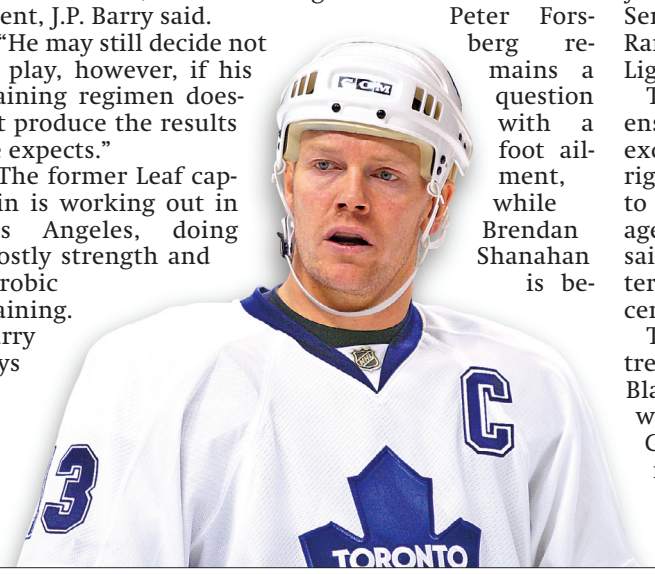
"Mats is currently training daily with the intention to return," Sundin's agent, J.P. Barry said.

"He may still decide not to play, however, if his training regimen doesn't produce the results he expects."

The former Leaf captain is working out in Los Angeles, doing mostly strength and aerobic training. Barry says Sundin will likely start skating before the end of November, making a mid-December return "a reasonable guesstimate."

Sundin remains the most sought-after free agent on the market.

Peter Forsberg remains a question with a foot ailment, while Brendan Shanahan is believed to be in talks with the Philadelphia Flyers.



The teams believed to be interested in Sundin include the Vancouver Canucks, who offered him $20 million over two years in July; the Ottawa Senators, the New York Rangers, the Tampa Bay Lightning and the Flyers.

The Montreal Canadiens — who had acquired exclusive negotiating rights with Sundin prior to his declaration of free agency on July 1 — have said they are no longer interested in the Swedish centre.

The Habs acquired centre Robert Lang from the Blackhawks. Sundin met with Canucks GM Mike Gillis earlier this month.

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Jones ready for Als

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Determined to win Sunday's Grey Cup game, naturally, are all the dudes who'll be participating in it. But I'm inclined to suggest there's a certain member of the Calgary Stampeders who is even hungrier and more obsessed about emerging victorious.

This would be Chris Jones, the Stamps' defensive co-ordinator.

Jones, you see, was irate that the Montreal Alouettes refused to hire him as their head coach before this season. He was livid that they rejected his application and instead selected Marc Trestman, an NFL coaching castoff who had virtually no CFL experience.

Jones had spent seven seasons as a Montreal assistant coach — five as the Als' defensive co-ordinator — and, understandably, he felt he deserved a shot.

Jones certainly has let his friends know his feelings, however, and several tell us his anti-Montreal sentiments haven't exactly dissipated.

"Chris wants revenge Sunday, no question about that," a source close to Jones told me.

"Chris is a great football coach and he deserves more credit than he seems to get," said B.C. head coach Wally Buono, whose Lions were held to no TDs (six field goals) by the Stamps' defence in last Sunday's Western final.

"You could score a lot on Calgary in the past, but not this year."

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Former U of T dean to head Johns Hopkins

Former University of Toronto law school dean Ron Daniels has been named the new president of Baltimore-based Johns Hopkins University. Daniels will join Johns Hopkins following a four-year term as the provost of the University of Pennsylvania. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

UBC cashes in

Philanthropist Michael Audain has donated $2-million to the University of British Columbia to establish Canada's largest endowment for educating gallery and museum curators.

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Environment tops for Goodall

ROBYN YOUNG
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"We haven't borrowed anything, we've stolen." Jane Goodall in on the mistaken idea that we've 'borrowed' the Earth from our grandchildren

Every one of us makes a difference every single day, says celebrated primatologist and wildlife conservationist Jane Goodall.

The world-renowned scientist and researcher visited Toronto last week to receive two honorary degrees for her lifetime achievements: the degree of Doctor of Science from the University of Toronto and a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Haifa.

She spoke to media promoting her continuing message of wildlife conservation and said through her years of studying wild chimpanzees in Tanzania's Gombe National Park she discovered her life's purpose was to make an even bigger difference and help save the earth.

The payback of her life's work, she said, has been the enormous number of children who write to her saying: "You taught me to understand that my own life is more important than I thought it was."

Goodall said anyone can make a difference just by paying attention to the consequences of their everyday actions.

Common references to present-day society as having "borrowed" the earth from our grandchildren, she said, are mistaken: "We haven't borrowed anything, we've stolen. We've got to start paying back."

Goodall, 74, began her groundbreaking research into the behaviour of wild chimpanzees in Africa in 1960. The London-born anthropologist spent decades observing the chimps at Gombe and her work resulted in a new understanding of the species including their human-like use of tools and social interactions.

The Jane Goodall Institute (JGI) was born and has evolved in its objectives, now focusing not only on the health of the endangered wild chimpanzees but also conservation of theirs and other animals' natural habitats and the interconnectedness of human, animal and ecological communities.

The institute's Roots and Shoots program, for example, is a global youth program that encourages young people to organize community-based projects that help people, animals and their environment.

There are over 8,000 groups in more than 100 countries.

Goodall said she has little time to spend in Gombe these days, travelling as many as 300 days a year as she advocates for her beloved chimpanzees and the environment.

Every village in Tanzania now, she said, is required by the government to make land management plans for forest protection because the human communities have so encroached on the habitats of the chimpanzees and other animals.

"We have to do whatever we can because there are only 100 chimps left," she said, speaking of the original three groups she began studying in the 60s.

ROBYN YOUNG/FOR METRO CANADA

Jane Goodall, renowned primatologist and conservationist, along with her primate friend Mr. H, signed books for fans before a press conference last week prior to receiving an honorary Doctor of Science degree from the University of Toronto.

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Don't go over boss' head

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Be careful what you say about your boss to his or her superiors.

Still upset following an angry confrontation with her boss, Maria Van Der Meij wasn't about to go quietly. Penning a letter to her employer's board of directors, Van Der Meij criticized her boss and bemoaned the fact that she could no longer perform in her role. However, instead of simply authoring a letter of complaint, ultimately she had authored her own legal misfortune.

For nine years, Van Der Meij laboured as a settlement coordinator and supervisor at the Victoria Immigrant & Refugee Centre Society in Victoria, B.C. Burdened by a heavy caseload and plagued with funding shortfalls, the Centre's employees were stressed and overwhelmed, and tensions often ran high.

When the errors of one of her staff mounted, Van Der Meij met with the Centre's Executive Director, Carlos Gaete, to deal with the problem, but the two clashed about the appropriate discipline. Believing that Gaete was acting improperly during the meeting and that the stress had finally taken a toll on her health, Van Der Meij left the office, cancelled her appointments and went to see her doctor.

Days later, while off work on sick leave, Van Der Meij wrote to the Centre's Board of Directors, angrily accusing Gaete of lacking leadership and ethical standards. She claimed Gaete was unappreciative and cowardly, and that her job had therefore become impossible to perform.

Instead of dealing with the merits of her grievances, the Board swiftly responded by accepting what it claimed was Van Der Meij's resignation. It argued that if she was unable to continue on in her role, she had effectively resigned from her employment. But Van Der Meij had not intended to resign, so they next met in court.

At trial, the Centre argued that if Van Der Meij had not resigned, then at the least, her letter to the Board was wildly improper, and as a result, she had jeopardized her own continued employment. The Centre had hit upon a successful argument in this case.

Justice Janet Bruce, who wrote the decision, rejected the Centre's argument that Van Der Meij had resigned based on the letter she wrote to the Board. Without clear evidence of a resignation, courts should be reluctant to infer that an employee had intended to resign, she wrote. However, the Centre was correct in concluding that by spitefully criticizing her boss, Van Der Meij had made the employment relationship impossible to continue. In those circumstances, the Centre was at liberty to terminate her without further obligation.

While the court accepted that employees are generally "entitled to criticize superiors without fear of immediate dismissal," when such criticism goes over the edge, an employer is not required to tolerate it. Here, while Van Der Meij's complaints may have been justified, her approach to voicing them was fatal to her job.

Had she attempted to resolve the issue with Gaete without first writing to the Board, the Board would have been paying her settlement cheques now, rather than cashing them.

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Mid-life makeover

Little tweaks go a long way in Toyota RAV4

JIM ROBINSON
for Metro Canada

The 2009 Toyota RAV4 features a number of mid-cycle changes and is now being produced at Toyota's huge new assembly facility in Woodstock, Ont.

One of the biggest automotive stories in Canada is unfolding in Woodstock, Ont.

That's the site of the gigantic, new Toyota assembly plant that is now starting to roll out its first product, the 2009 RAV4 compact SUV.

The current generation RAV4 and the Woodstock plant site were both launched in 2006. In fact, the Canadian debut of the RAV4 took place where the facility now stands.

With RAV4 North American production shifting to Ontario, a few changes have been made in what amounts to a mid-life refreshing that results in two engine/transmission and three trim level (Base, Sport, Limited) choices for six basic combinations. If you add in optional packages, there are 14 ways to order a RAV4 from Woodstock.

The biggest change is an all-new 2.5-litre inline four-cylinder engine that produces 179 hp (up 13 hp) and 172 lb/ft (up 7 lb/ft) of torque over the 2.4-litre engine in the 2008 RAV4. And better, the new engine is almost five per cent more fuel efficient at 9.7/7.2/8.6L/100 km city/highway/combined compared to 10.1/7.7/9.0L/100 km for the 2.4-litre. Standard transmission is an electronic four-speed automatic.

The other engine is a 3.5-litre, DOHC V6 with 269 hp and 246 lb/ft of torque delivering 11.1/7.7/9.6L/100 km city/highway/combined. The transmission here is an electronic five-speed automatic.

All RAV4s come with what Toyota calls its Active Torque Control four-wheel-drive that is actually more of a "slip and grip" all-wheel-drive system that has a coupling placed just in front of the rear differential.

Based on where the sensors find traction is the best, the coupling is electromagnetically activated if torque to the rear as is needed. In most cases, the RAV4 will be running in a front-drive mode and that, in turn, helps conserve fuel consumption.

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Digging up history in Harran

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Eyelashes caked with dust, I make my way through the storm like a lost desert dweller separated from her own archeological dig.

In Harran, a tiny town 50 km away from Urfa in southeastern Turkey, sand storms are as common as kebabs. Blowing in from neighbouring Syria, this thin blanket of dust adds to the mystery of Harran, famous for its historic and religious significance.

Existing as early as 2000 BC, Harran is said to be "one of the oldest continuously inhabited spots on earth." According to the Old Testament, Abraham lived here for a time and his father died here. They call Harran one of the birthplaces of the three monotheistic religions: Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

Today, a visit to Harran means touring the relics of Islamic antiquity. The ruins of the Grand Mosque, a castle and traditional beehive houses can all be seen here.

According to a rusty sign at the site, the grand mosque of Harran is the oldest mosque built in Anatolia and is a good example of Islamic architecture.

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The grand mosque of Harran is the oldest mosque built in the Turkish region of southeast Anatolia.

While it must have been highly impressive back then, time and war haven't been kind to this former mosque and learning institution. Walking around the ruins, straining to see through the snarling sand storm, I have to wonder: Thousands of years from now, will our own cities be left to crumble, buried under the dust of time for future tourists to find?

From the ruins of the Grand Mosque, I walk a few minutes to find Harran's famous beehives houses, traditionally constructed in conical, ant hill-esque shapes.

Dating back some 200 years, the houses were built with bricks gathered from the ruins of historical Harran. They accommodate the climate, providing habitants with "cool" in the summer and warmth in the winter.

Slurping on strong Turkish coffee, I catch up with a rowdy tour group of 50-plus Israelis. Their group has come to this holy land to learn about their biblical beginnings.

Ruti Millar, a tour guide that comes to this region five times a year, tells me "this area is special and exciting because it's the genesis of our history."

While Israelis aren't permitted to travel to Syria, Iraq or Iran, Turkey is quite welcoming. "The Turkish people are wonderful and very warm," she continues. "We've come here to meet them, see the sights and learn about different cultures."

This is what drew me to the region of Southeastern Anatolia. It was a chance to see a side of Turkey beyond the tourist traps of cosmopolitan Istanbul and the country's Mediterranean seaside resorts. A visit here delves into the ancient histories of the Middle East… under the veil of a good Syrian sandstorm.

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Langley
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Pitt Meadows
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Aberdeen Centre
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Parker Place
Richmond Centre
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Surrey
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7009 Nesters Rd.

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Mormon Musical
South Park creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone are taking a comedy musical about the Mormon faith to Broadway. The pair have teamed up with Jeff Marx, the brain behind the successful stage comedy Avenue Q, to develop a script for Mormon Musical. IMDB.COM

Entertainment

Connery tees off
Sean Connery is delighted he will help open Donald Trump's $1.5-billion US golf course resort in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, because it will boost the country's image around the world. IMDB.COM

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Miley gets animated

Star teams up with John Travolta to voice characters in Bolt

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

It's hard to believe that Miley Cyrus is only 15 years old. In just her short decade-and-a-half, the superstar has already had the hit TV sitcom Hannah Montana, a number one album and become so popular with teens, she's seen her face emblazoned on everything from jewelry to bedding and more.

"I was looking for hand sanitizer and someone whipped out my face on (a bottle of) hand sanitizer," said the young actress during a recent interview in Los Angeles. "That was weird."

If Cyrus' age is hard to distinguish by her extensive body of work and stunning success, it becomes slightly more evident when you meet her. After all, when discussing her new animated movie Bolt, Cyrus displays the enthusiasm of an excited teenager.

"It's kind of weird but it's fun," Cyrus said about her first foray into voiceover work. "You're making facial expressions as you say the lines so you're like, 'ok, are my facial expressions that I'm making right here going to match what really happens in the movie?'"

In the charming film, Cyrus supplies the voice of Penny, a young actress who must cope with the loss of her beloved pooch Bolt — voiced by John Travolta — after her pup/co-star accidentally gets shipped across America.

While Bolt journeys his way home to Hollywood, he picks up such traveling companions as Rhino, a high-strung rodent housed in a clear hamster ball.

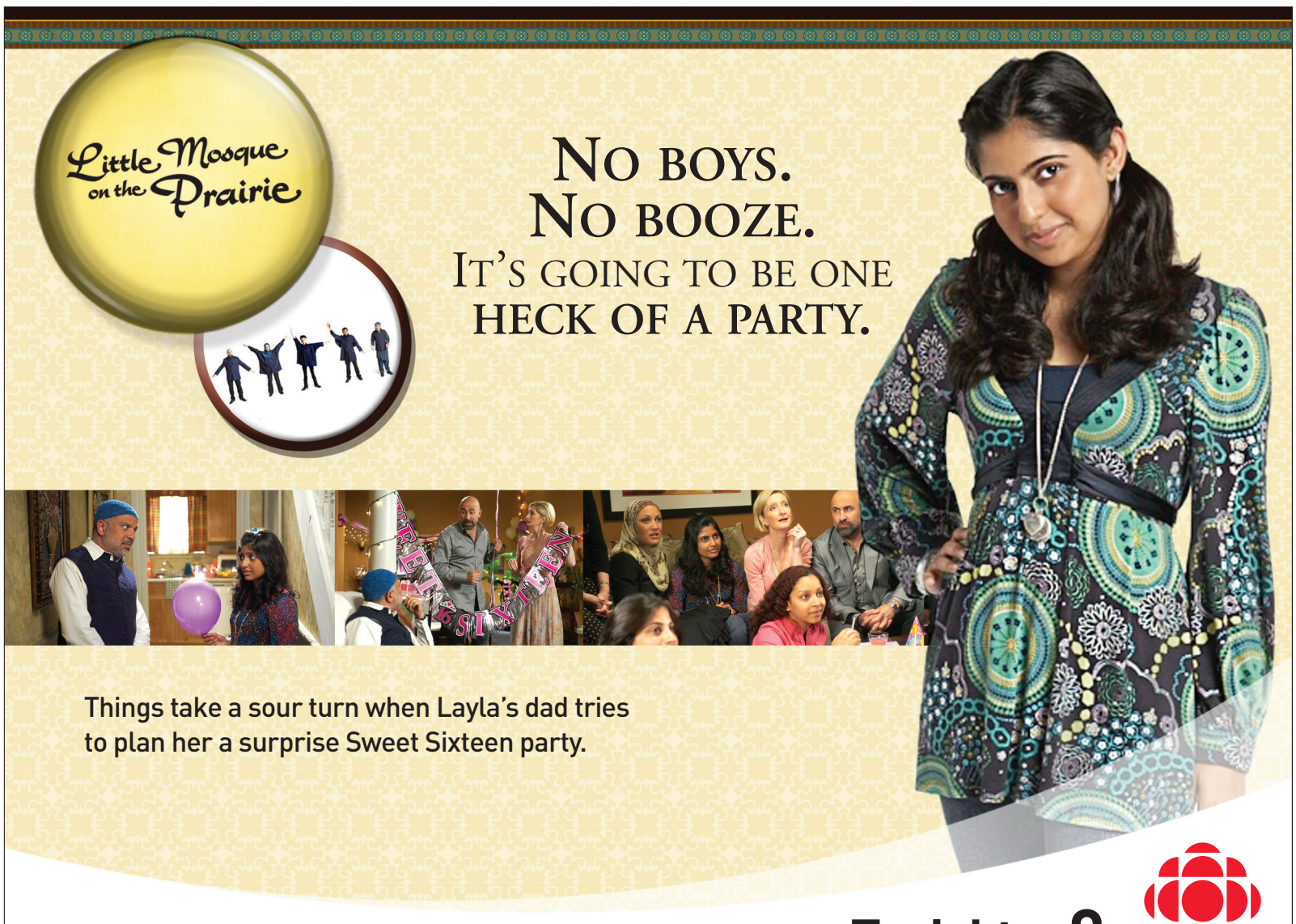
"I wanted to (play him) so bad. I don't care that I'm a girl. I wanted to play the little boy hamster. He's so cute I want to squeeze him everytime I see him," says Cyrus. "I know there'll be a Rhino movie because all the kids are going to fall in love with him."

While moviegoers will have to wait until the film opens Friday to discover Rhino, Cyrus has already earned her own mass of worldwide admirers — and more impressively — the respect of her legendary co-star.

Miley Cyrus supplies the voice a young actress who must cope with the loss of her pet pooch in Bolt.

"She's an amazing young woman, very sophisticated," said Travolta about the teen sensation. Although the pair didn't voice together for the movie, they did record a duet for Bolt, a song co-written by Cyrus.

"Miley is kind of the Olivia Newton-John of today and getting to sing with her made me so popular with my kids. I dined out a lot on that one."



Jackson may be too ill to travel

Jackson

LEGAL Singer Michael Jackson may be too sick to travel to London to give evidence in a breach of contract court case against him brought by a son of the king of Bahrain, his lawyer said yesterday.

Robert Englehart presented a medical report on, which was not read out in open court. "On a best-case prognosis, it would be unwise for him to travel given what he's got now," he told the High Court.

Magazine eyes video game role

GAMING National Geographic is getting into the video game business.

Through its for-profit unit National Geographic Ventures, the nonprofit National Geographic Society is set to announce that it has created National Geographic Games.

The division's first game, Herod's Lost Tomb, was developed in-house and is a free download for PC, Mac and the iPhone. NGG is also coming out with games for Nintendo's Wii, Sony's PlayStation 3 and handheld devices. REUTERS

MacGyver's the man
TV hero MacGyver has beaten Buffy The Vampire Slayer and 24's Jack Bauer to the top of a new TV action heroes poll by TV Guide. IMDB.COM

Recreating the '70s with music

IntelleVision

MUSIQUE NON-STOP: You know that ABC's Life On Mars has confounded its worst expectations when Variety runs a feature about the show's soundtrack.

Music plays as big a role in the ABC Americanization as it does in the BBC original, and you should expect nothing less from a show that, after all, takes its title from a song that was apparently a major part of original creator Ashley Pharoah's inspiration for the British series.

Scott Rosenberg, executive producer of the ABC version, was eager to discover why Pharoah had set the show in 1973.

"I really thought he was going to give me this incredibly hyper-intellectual answer about how 1973 was the moment when the '60s died and the '70s began, with Watergate and Vietnam," Rosenberg told Variety, "and he said, 'Honestly, because that's when the David Bowie song came out.'"

Another recent U.S. show set in the '70s — CBS' Swingtown — also relied on a tune-heavy soundtrack, but the choices were painfully obvious Top 40 ditties that made the show feel like the Complete Idiot's Guide to the decade.

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Life on Mars executive producer Scott Rosenberg

The British show made spectacular use of period songs, some of them more likely to resonate with British viewers (Slade's Gudbuy T'Jane, Status Quo's Good Thinking, any Roxy Music but Love Is The Drug) and a few pointedly obscure (Colosseum's I Can't Live Without You, copious amounts of Hawkwind and Atomic Rooster.)

Variety describes Rosenberg as a music snob "who'd rather turn viewers on to a slightly obscure track than fall back on a classic rock hit."

To that end, lesser glam bands like the Sweet and Mott The Hoople are heard in the background, and when they're playing the Rolling Stones in a bar, it's Out Of Time, not Jumping Jack Flash or (shudder) Wild Horses.

ABC has even put up a streaming radio station on the show's website, featuring period hits, and while writing this it's featured the Beatles doing The Long And Winding Road and Almost Cut My Hair by Crosby, Stills & Nash, underlining what anyone who survived the decade already knows — that the '70s were, at least until 1976, little more than an extended hangover from the '60s.

(More accurately, you can simply say that the real '60s began at some point in mid-1965 and didn't really end until the Sex Pistols played their first gig at a London art college in the fall of 1975.)

All of which makes me eager to give the show the chance I was loathe to grant it during its troubled production history earlier this year — on DVD, of course, provided that ABC doesn't cheap out on music rights, pull a WKRP and replace all the music with studio musicians vamping on the riff from The Boys Are Back In Town.

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Life
Is it the handcuffs? When a drug dealer and an elementary-school teacher are found dead in a bad part of town, it looks like a typical drug deal gone bad. But the investigation takes a turn when Crews and Reese (Damian Lewis, Sarah Shahi) discover the dead teacher was a woman who exclusively dated cops — a "badge bunny." Could the killer be one of their own? Then Crews and Jennifer (Jennifer Siebel) address their complex relationship. 9 PM on NBC

Monarchy: The Royal Family at Work
The miniseries continues with a look inside the royal family's headquarters, Buckingham Palace. Its 650 rooms form the nerve center for the British monarchy. From it the queen directs the business of the royal family, entertains heads of state and conducts her private life. We also follow the queen on her annual move to the royal family's Scottish estate, Balmoral. 8 PM on PBS

Garner delights Affleck with gaming suite plans
Actress Jennifer Garner dealt her poker-playing husband Ben Affleck a winning hand when she surprised him with her plans to build a private gaming suite for him in their home. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Celebrity Buzz

Madonna warns against marriage

PEOPLE Madonna has reportedly told pop star Britney Spears never to get married again, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer, who recently announced she is divorcing Guy Ritchie after nearly eight years of marriage, has allegedly advised mother-of-two divorcee Spears not to walk down the aisle again.

"Britney asked Madonna if she will ever marry again after her split from Guy. Madonna not only said she wouldn't but told Britney to forget about marriage. She said it just doesn't work for girls like them," a source close to Madonna told gossip website AbsoluteNow.com.

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Sutherland recalls stint in slammer

PEOPLE Months after Kiefer Sutherland completed his seven-week jail sentence for DUI, the 24 star still shivers at the thought of what he endured, People.com reports.

"There's no smoking," Sutherland, 41, tells Men's Vogue in its December/January issue, which hits newsstands Tuesday. "The lights never go out, 24/7. You can't cover anything. You can't even put your head under a blanket. All the cells have cameras in them."

Although Sutherland has resumed smoking, the knowledge that he could go 48 days without his Camels is a comforting thought.

"My drinking was not a daily thing, so it wasn't an issue. And, oddly enough, neither was the smoking," he tells the magazine, adding, "I was very glad to know that I could quit. And one day soon I will."

One thing that didn't work out, he says, was the roommate situation. "I was told, you know, 'You'll have your own cell.' But I didn't for the first two or three weeks; I had a cell mate," he says. "He got out, but not for long. He came back in pretty quick."

24's new season begins Sunday.

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Scarlett flattered by being Katy's muse

PEOPLE Some stars get fan mail. Scarlett Johansson got a platinum-certified single, People.com reports.

When told that her lips inspired Katy Perry to pen her hit I Kissed A Girl, Johansson, who recently married Ryan Reynolds, tells December's Allure, "That's flattering, but my lips are kind of taken."

In fact, until Perry's melody was pointed out to her, "I had no idea (about the song)," says Johansson, 24. "I should get a cut!"

Yet when the topic of how she met Reynolds, 32, comes up, Johansson cuts off the conversation.

"Nobody knows," she says. "It's private. It's our story."

And while she won't reveal the details of their past, Johansson does exhibit a carefree mindset toward the future.

"I always wanted to get married and have kids," she says. "I just never had any preconceived idea about what that would be like … My life seems to be happening naturally."

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Kidman 'reeling' at leaving baby

FAMILY Nicole Kidman admitted she was "reeling" Tuesday at the Sydney premiere of her new epic Australia, but not from the cameras or crowds, People.com reports.

What had her so stressed? The actress and her husband, Keith Urban, had to leave four-month-old daughter Sunday Rose back home in Nashville, Tenn. — half a world away.

"I had to leave her for 24 hours," Kidman said. "I haven't done that yet and so I'm still reeling."

Still, the Oscar-winner said missing the premiere was simply not an option.

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GETTY IMAGES PHOTOS

Cohen crashes set of Medium

ANTICS Production on Patricia Arquette's hit TV drama Medium came to a halt recently when comic Sacha Baron Cohen invaded the set as his fashion reporter creation Bruno, imdb.com reports.

Filming was temporarily shut down as Baron Cohen, posing as an extra, was forcibly removed from the set after interrupting a tense courtroom scene.

"No one had a clue it was Sacha playing Bruno. It's amazing he was able to infiltrate the set and pull this off," an insider for the show tells ew.com.

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Jolie not ready to retire yet

CAREER Angelina Jolie has backtracked on her decision to "fade away" from acting, insisting she's not ready to retire yet, imdb.com reports.

The Oscar winner recently suggested she was finished with films, and wanted to quit so she could spend more time with her six children and partner Brad Pitt.

Hinting her retirement was imminent, she said, "I don't plan to keep acting very long, I'm ready to do a few things now and fade away and get ready to be a grandma one day."

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Washington still bitter?

CONTROVERSY Actor Isaiah Washington is still bitter about the way he was ousted from hit medical drama Grey's Anatomy because reports suggested he attended rehab sessions to conquer his alleged homophobia, imdb.com reports.

The star was fired from the show after an on-set altercation with Patrick Dempsey, in which he referred to gay castmate T.R. Knight as a f—.

But Washington insists the whole incident was blown out of proportion, and suggestions he needed counselling for his comments are all wrong.

"The rehab thing was incorrect," he says. "There's no such thing as rehabilitation. I was given an opportunity to go to executive counselling so I would get away from the media. The world still thinks I taunted T.R. Knight and called him the F-word, which I didn't."

Washington left the show at the beginning of last year.

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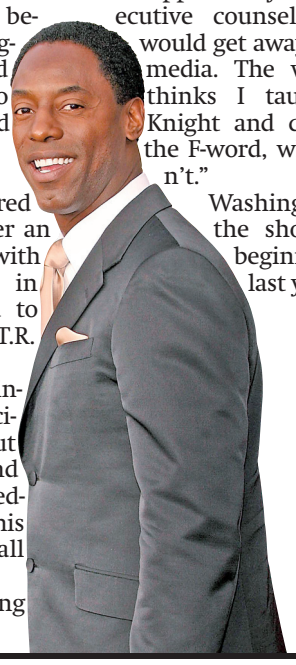

Spears compares her life to prison

PEOPLE Britney Spears says her life is like being in prison, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer suffered a public breakdown earlier this year resulting in her father Jamie becoming co-conservator of her estate, but has recently wowed fans with her sleek new image after getting her personal life back on track. However, Spears has revealed she is not completely happy.

"There's no excitement, there's no passion. I have really good days, and then I have bad days," Spears said.

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Photos of Hilton may upset beau

RELATIONSHIPS Paris Hilton may be in hot water with her rocker boyfriend Benji Madden after photos of her and former beau Stavros Niarchos flirting in a club were published, imdb.com reports.

The socialite was spotted getting friendly with her shipping heir ex, whom she dated for more than a year, before they split in 2006.

But Hilton seemed to be on good terms with Niarchos as they partied together in Miami, Fla., hotspot Mokai nightclub over the weekend.

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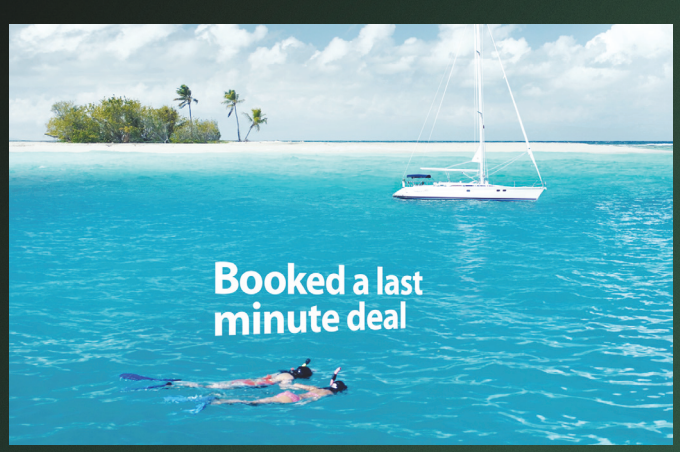

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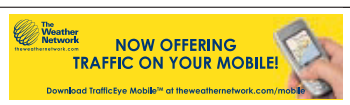

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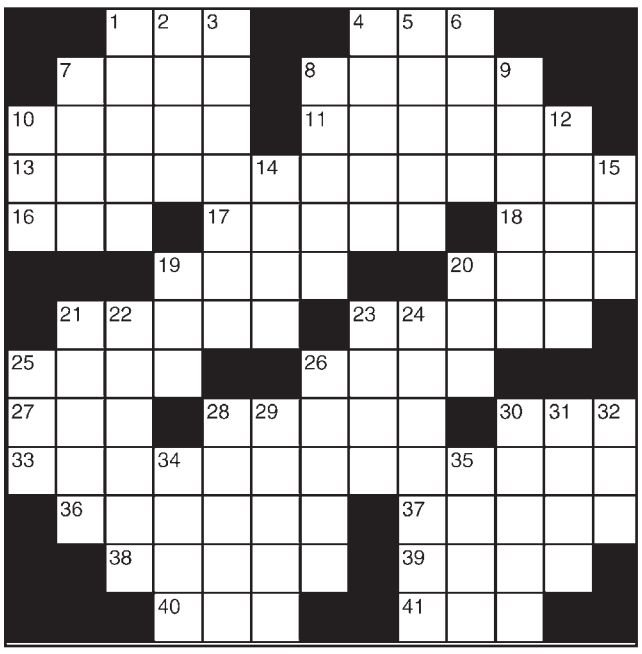

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7 Eins, zwei, —
8 Gives a hoot
10 Existence
11 Charlie's staff
13 2008 Greg Kinnear film
16 Shark part
17 Rough woolen fabric
18 Conk out
19 Coop group
20 Ballet leap
21 Expositions
23 Attention-getting light
25 "My bad"
26 Connect
27 Dandy
28 Cheech's partner
30 Eventual aves
33 Here today, gone tomorrow type
36 Arm holder
37 Pollster's find
38 Hamstrings
39 Green land
40 "Mayday!"
41 "CSI" evidence

Crossword down

1 "Family Guy" dog
2 Photog's choice
3 More constricting
4 Gamut
5 Incited
6 Existed
7 Where heros are made?
8 Small restaurants
9 Pitcher's option
10 Closest pal, to a texter
12 Hotel accommodation
14 Possesses
15 Witness
19 That guy's
20 One of the Brady bunch
21 Puts one over on
22 Shock
23 Type selection
24 Illumi-nated
25 Vacationing
26 Singer Norah
28 Medical treatment, for short
29 Urticaria
30 Beethoven's "Fidelio," e.g.
31 Barn roof adornment
32 Moreover
34 Vast expanses
35 Ms. Brockovich

Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

		4	2	6		8		7
3		2	4					5
	7							
5		8			7			
		6				2		
			9			5		3
							8	
6					1	3		2
4		1		3	9	7		

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

L	A	M	B	■	■	O	B	S	■	O	W	L	S	
O	G	E	E	■	■	B	R	A	■	P	E	A	T	
C	R	O	C	■	■	E	A	G	L	E	E	Y	E	
H	A	W	K	E	Y	E	■	■	E	R	N	S	T	
■	■	■	■	E	L	S	■	B	S	A	■	■	■	
C	H	A	R	M	■	■	C	A	T	S	E	Y	E	
D	A	B	■	■	■	R	U	G	■	■	V	O	W	
S	H	U	T	E	Y	E	■	Q	U	E	U	E	■	
■	■	■	■	A	G	E	■	B	U	N	■	■	■	
A	M	O	N	G	■	■	D	E	A	D	E	Y	E	
B	I	R	D	S	E	Y	E	■	■	I	C	E	S	
E	L	S	E	■	■	A	N	T	■	■	E	R	A	S
D	O	O	M	■	■	R	E	S	■	■	S	U	R	E

1	8	5	6	4	2	7	9	3
2	9	7	5	3	8	6	1	4
4	6	3	9	1	7	8	5	2
7	3	6	8	5	4	9	2	1
5	1	2	7	9	6	4	3	8
9	4	8	1	2	3	5	6	7
8	7	1	2	6	5	3	4	9
6	2	4	3	7	9	1	8	5
3	5	9	4	8	1	2	7	6

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:
Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min .....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day

Chinese Beef Stir-Fry

INGREDIENTS:
7 oz (200 g) lean beef steak
1 tsp (10 mL) cornflour
1 tsp (5 mL) five-spice powder
1 carrot, peeled
1 small leek, trimmed
6 spring onions, sliced diagonally
1/2 red pepper, seeded and cut into strips
3.5 oz (100 g) dried rice noodles
1 1/2 tbsp (20 mL) soy sauce
1 1/2 tbsp (20 mL) rice wine
1 1/2 tbsp (20 mL) vegetable oil
1 large garlic clove, finely chopped
1/3 inch (2 cm) piece fresh ginger, peeled and finely chopped
1 red chili pepper, seeded and finely chopped

METHOD:
1. Cut meat across the grain into 2-inch (5-cm) wide pieces, then cut each piece into very thin strips. Place in a small bowl with cornflour and five-spice powder. Mix until meat is coated.
2. Cut carrot and leek into 2-inch (5-cm) lengths, then cut each piece into thin matchsticks. Put in a bowl along with spring onions and red pepper.
3. Soak noodles in a bowl of lightly salted boiling water for 3 minutes. Drain and refresh in cold water, then drain again. Combine soy sauce, rice wine and 1 1/2 tbsp (20 mL) of water in a small jug or bowl.
4. Place a wok or large frying pan over high heat. When hot, add 1 tbsp (15 mL) oil and, when it has just begun smoking, toss in meat and stir-fry for 2–3 minutes until cooked through. Remove with a slotted spoon. Add remaining oil with garlic, ginger and chili pepper. Stir-fry for 30 seconds, then add vegetables and toss around for another 30 seconds.
5. Stir in soy sauce mixture and, as soon as liquid is bubbling, mix in drained noodles then meat. Serve immediately, with soy sauce to sprinkle over the top.

SERVES 2

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Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Be cautious but not fearful. Other people are on some weird kind of a tangent. Avoid making radical changes in your home.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
A depressing problem will soon be solved. Optimism is required to improve your circumstances. Avoid telling secrets to a stranger.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
A love life improvement is coming soon. Watch out for unpredictable drivers. Do not repeat an idiotic error.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
A financial windfall is on the way. Rage blows over quickly when faced with silence. A man talks tough because he's compassionate.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
You'll get a blessing in disguise. Difficulties arise in a damaged friendship. Carelessness in money matters provokes severe regret.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Don't go looking for a fight. Use humour to deflect criticism. Mediocrity disappears when maturity kicks in.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
There's shocking news about a former partner. Tend to your chores in spite of a persistent daydream. Take notes when a friend introduces fresh ideas.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Somebody's sharp tongue leaves you feeling miserable. Nervous tension is increasing again. Any act of kindness will be rewarded.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
A joyful reunion is coming soon. A puzzling turn of events surprises you. A harmless person comes to your rescue.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Plans are thwarted by a gutless person. Refuse to be miserable about minor failures. Remove a guilty secret from your conscience.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Don't take any unnecessary risks. A pleasant surprise is due at any moment. Impediments will become stepping-stones.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Help a friend over a rough patch. Be scrupulous in clearing up obstacles. Make a phone call to reinforce an important relationship.

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